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Albert KOOIMAN

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Serial No. 10/532,919

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METHOD FOR OPERATING A SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM

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#### RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION

Sir:

In response to the NOTIFICATION mailed on December 5, 2005, enclosed is the executed Declaration, in compliance with the Notification (copy of Notice also enclosed). Accordingly, the above identified patent application is now complete.

Please charge any fees in connection with this Notification to Deposit Account No. 14-1270 and credit any overpayment to same.

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METHOD FOR OPERATING A SPEECH

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This notification is in response to applicants' submission filed 27 April 2005.

### BACKGROUND

On 24 October 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/IB03/04727 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 02 November 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 21 May 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 02 May 2005.

On 27 April 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, inter alia, the basic national fee and a declaration of inventors.

### **DISCUSSION**

The declaration of inventors filed 27 April 2005 is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) (b). There is a difference in names in the named inventor between the published international application (Albert Kooiman) and the declaration of inventors (Albert Rene Robert Kooiman). Because this difference in names is more than a mere typographical error or a phonetic misspelling of applicant's legal name, a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is required in order to resolve the matter. Such a petition must be accompanied by the requisite petition fee of \$400 as well as a statement from the inventor. This statement should set forth that he is a joint inventor  $\phi$ f the subject matter of the present application and should set forth the circumstances surrounding the difference in names on the international application and the declaration.

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#### CONCLUSION

Applicant is hereby given the time limit of TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this communication in order to file a proper response. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are available.

Failure to timely file a proper response to this decision in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the application with regards to national stage prosecution in the United States.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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